



## INTERPRETIVE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM 2006



Do you enjoy interacting with park visitors and assisting them in understanding and appreciating the park's natural and cultural resources, while living and working in a beautiful mountain setting?

As an interpretive intern you would gain experience in presenting thematic interpretive programs, operating visitor centers, and gain knowledge on a variety of topics including wildlife biology, botany, forest ecology, geology, history and park management.

### AREA INFORMATION

Rocky Mountain National Park is located 70 miles northwest of Denver and consists of 415 square miles of high mountain scenery carved and sculpted by glaciers.

Wildlife includes elk, bighorn sheep, coyotes, mountain lions, marmots, pikas, black bears, and a variety of birds.

Trail Ridge Road, the highest continuous paved road in the U. S., climbs to 12,183' and provides access to the alpine tundra while connecting the east and west sides of the park.

There are over 355 miles of trails within the park and the park is managed as wilderness.



### QUALIFICATIONS

Applicants must be college students majoring in the natural or physical sciences, communication, education, natural science interpretation, or recreation and resources management.

An interest or experience in interpretation or environmental education would be helpful, but is not required. Applicants should have a strong interest in resource preservation and management, an ability to communicate ideas effectively, and enthusiasm for sharing knowledge with others.

### DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Working in the field of interpretation consists of positions that interact directly with park visitors.

Upon completion of training, the work involves answering questions at visitor centers, researching, preparing, and presenting short guided walks and talks, providing information to individuals while hiking trails and completing other special projects. Exposure to other divisions in the park is also available.

### DATES OF SERVICE

Summer and fall intern positions are available for 11-12 weeks.

For the summer internship you must be available from June 4 through August 19. For the fall internship you must be available from mid-August through mid-October.



### BENEFITS

Interns will participate in all training in interpretation and visitor center operations, and will receive rent-free housing, a stipend of \$125 per week for an 11 week assignment and a uniform. Upon completion of the program, interns will also have received the equivalent of a season's experience working for the National Park Service which could be of benefit in applying for future jobs.

### APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Please include the following:

1. Cover letter stating your reason for applying and what you hope to achieve from the internship
2. Detailed resume listing education, work experience and other interests
3. Dates of availability
4. Three references
5. College transcript

Mail completed application to:  
Interpretive Internship Program  
Rocky Mountain National Park  
Estes Park, CO 80517

**Deadlines:** March 1 for summer internships; June 1 for fall internships  
For additional information contact  
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